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By Representatives Campbell and Morrell

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a voluntary adult family home
2 certification program; amending RCW 70.128.120; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 70.128 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.128 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Adult family homes may participate in a voluntary adult family
8 home certification program through the University of Washington
9 geriatric education center. In addition to the minimum qualifications
10 required under RCW 70.128.120, individuals participating in the
11 voluntary adult family home certification program shall complete
12 fifty-two hours of class requirements as established by the University
13 of Washington geriatric education center. Subjects covered by the
14 class requirements shall include: Specific age-related physical or
15 mental health conditions that can be prevented, postponed, or
16 alleviated by a health promotion intervention, how to establish health
17 promotion programs in residential settings and communities, preventing
18 falls, addressing health issues of aging families, and issues and

1 health concerns of ethnic older adults and those with developmental
2 disabilities.

3 (2) Individuals completing the requirements of RCW 70.128.120 and
4 the voluntary adult family home certification program shall be issued
5 a certified adult family home license by the department of social and
6 health services.

7 (3) The department shall adopt rules implementing the provisions of
8 this section.

9 **Sec. 2.** RCW 70.128.120 and 2006 c 249 s 1 are each amended to read
10 as follows:

11 Each adult family home provider and each resident manager shall
12 have the following minimum qualifications, except that only providers
13 are required to meet the provisions of subsection (10) of this section:

- 14 (1) Twenty-one years of age or older;
- 15 (2) For those applying after September 1, 2001, to be licensed as
16 providers, and for resident managers whose employment begins after
17 September 1, 2001, a United States high school diploma or general
18 educational development (GED) certificate or any English or translated
19 government documentation of the following:

- 20 (a) Successful completion of government-approved public or private
21 school education in a foreign country that includes an annual average
22 of one thousand hours of instruction over twelve years or no less than
23 twelve thousand hours of instruction;

- 24 (b) A foreign college, foreign university, or United States
25 community college two-year diploma;

- 26 (c) Admission to, or completion of coursework at, a foreign
27 university or college for which credit was granted;

- 28 (d) Admission to, or completion of coursework at, a United States
29 college or university for which credits were awarded;

- 30 (e) Admission to, or completion of postgraduate coursework at, a
31 United States college or university for which credits were awarded; or

- 32 (f) Successful passage of the United States board examination for
33 registered nursing, or any professional medical occupation for which
34 college or university education preparation was required;

- 35 (3) Good moral and responsible character and reputation;

- 36 (4) Literacy in the English language, however, a person not
37 literate in the English language may meet the requirements of this

1 subsection by assuring that there is a person on staff and available
2 who is able to communicate or make provisions for communicating with
3 the resident in his or her primary language and capable of
4 understanding and speaking English well enough to be able to respond
5 appropriately to emergency situations and be able to read and
6 understand resident care plans;

7 (5) Management and administrative ability to carry out the
8 requirements of this chapter;

9 (6) Satisfactory completion of department-approved basic training
10 and continuing education training as specified by the department in
11 rule, based on recommendations of the community long-term care training
12 and education steering committee and working in collaboration with
13 providers, consumers, caregivers, advocates, family members, educators,
14 and other interested parties in the rule-making process;

15 (7) Satisfactory completion of department-approved, or equivalent,
16 special care training before a provider may provide special care
17 services to a resident;

18 (8) Not been convicted of any crime listed in RCW 43.43.830 and
19 43.43.842;

20 (9) For those applying after September 1, 2001, to be licensed as
21 providers, and for resident managers whose employment begins after
22 September 1, 2001, at least three hundred twenty hours of successful,
23 direct caregiving experience obtained after age eighteen to vulnerable
24 adults in a licensed or contracted setting prior to operating or
25 managing an adult family home; (~~and~~)

26 (10) Prior to being granted a license, providers applying after
27 January 1, 2007, must complete a department-approved forty-eight hour
28 adult family home administration and business planning class. The
29 department shall promote and prioritize bilingual capabilities within
30 available resources and when materials are available for this purpose;
31 and

32 (11) Following licensure, completion of two hours of administrative
33 continuing education administered by the department in collaboration
34 with the adult family home advisory committee and taught by adult
35 family home association providers with five or more years of
36 experience. For the purpose of this subsection, "adult family home
37 association" means an organized group of adult family home providers
38 with a proven history of advocacy of at least five years with a

1 sustained membership of at least one hundred members as approved by the
2 department. Internet access and bilingual training materials shall be
3 promoted and prioritized when available and appropriate. The
4 department shall ensure balanced participation, by the appointment of
5 stakeholders equally, between adult family home providers and consumers
6 to the adult family home advisory committee.

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